

**NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**  
**BUSINESS MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2016**

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Graves, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Protogyrou, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley and Mr. Winn.

He thereupon called for Council Interests.

**A. COUNCIL INTERESTS**

1. Councilman Winn:

- Restated an earlier request for locating a boat launching facility in Ocean View.
- Referencing the building on Rader Street that was burned out and the building on Princess Anne Road, he asked if they were moving through the system and would like to get an update on both buildings.
- Ms. Johnson stated that she responded to the email in reference to the cigar factory and will meet with the person tomorrow. She stated that she will copy councilmembers on the latest update.
- Asked when the Cox Cable agreement will expire and asked if they could meet with Verizon about bringing FIOS to Norfolk.

Manager Jones stated that they are in the process of negotiating an agreement with Cox Cable and that some of questions will be addressed in his budget presentation and then he can schedule a full presentation if they still feel the need.

- The fire station in Meadowbrook is backed up a couple of months and selection of a design build team has been postponed, he asked what is the schedule for that.
- In response to complaints made about the airbnb and the event house in Ocean View, he stated that they tend to negatively impact the neighborhood and asked the administration for a presentation.

Mr. Protogyrou stated that they need a 24-hour hotline number for citizens to call after hours and weekends for situations like that.

Mayor Fraim asked the administration to schedule an hour at the next meeting to discuss this.

2. Councilman Riddick:

- Asked if they can impose a fine on police officers who are equipped with body cameras and don't turn them on.
- Expressed concern with the recent death at the regional jail and the deplorable condition of the cells. He asked for an update on the regional jail after the budget has been adopted.

3. Councilman Protogyrou:

- With regard to Balview Avenue and several streets behind the Ocean View shopping center, he stated that it requires more than just a police presence and asked for increased code enforcement and narcotics interdiction in those areas.
- With regard to the Joseph Bose matter, he asked if they are at a point now where they have DNA ready for a forensic evaluation and if they need help beyond what they have, they are ready to go to the feds at this point. They also need assistance to go back to witnesses to reevaluate the case at state or federal level.

4. Councilwoman Johnson:

- Asked the administration to get the word out early about registration for pre-kindergarten.
- Asked the administration to provide employee training on the new payroll system.
- Asked for a presentation on property values and assessments and also the process for assessing properties and what neighborhoods can do to bring up their property values.

5. Vice Mayor Graves:

- Asked the administration to look into staggering the hours of operation for code enforcement officers and also look at supplying them with equipment to write summonses.
- Forwarded an email to the manager regarding wheelchair signs.
- In response to complaints about police brutality within the department, she stated that we need to make sure that our officers are operating at the same level of professionalism all the time and would encourage an atmosphere where officers would report other officers doing wrong.

6. Councilman Smigiel:

- Expressed concern with Cox Cable pricing being out of control because they have no competition and stated that an investigation into price gouging need to be done.
- Stated that he has been working with staff on the Balview Avenue situation and bringing back the code sweeps program.
- Asked for the medians on Military Highway and Little Creek Road to be addressed, noting that they trimmed the trees but leaves, trash and debris is still in between the bushes.

**B. MEDICAL HUB OF THE REGION**

Peter Chapman, Deputy City Manager, stated Norfolk is the medical hub of the region offering a broad and diverse group of businesses with a primary focus on healthcare and life sciences. There is a significant potential to contribute to new business startups and expansions through commercialization of technology. In terms of healthcare and life sciences institutions in Norfolk, Sentara is the largest private sector employer accounting for 16 percent of civilian jobs in this market. It employs over 800 healthcare-related companies in Norfolk many of which are tied to Sentara. In 2015-2016, Sentara Norfolk General was ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 50 hospitals for cardiology and heart surgery. Sentara Leigh employs roughly 3,200 with over 80 medical and life science-related businesses within a one-mile radius of that campus. Bon Secours employs over 1,000 individuals.

There are a number of medical research centers that are significant in terms of healthcare and life sciences infrastructures. One adjunct of the medical research infrastructure are the diagnostic centers. An important part of the infrastructure is the micro and nanotechnology cleaning room at Norfolk State University. In terms of commercialization of technologies, CIRS deals in the world of phantom technology and tissue simulation with an outgrowth of research taking place at ODU, specializing in replacement of tendons and ligaments. Within the realm of economic development, the focus is on retention of existing institutions and businesses via systematic outreach and attracting new healthcare partners.

### **C. SENTARA AND MEDICAL CAMPUS**

Sandy Harris, Chairman of the Sentara Board, reported as follows:

- Sentara employs 30,000 people, the fourth largest employer in the state.
- Contributed \$277 million in indigent health care last year.
- A strategic plan is in place to transform Sentara Norfolk General into a Quaternary Care institution.

Kurt Hofelich, Corporate Vice President and President of Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, reported as follows:

- Sentara's goal is to move Norfolk General into quaternary care- a higher level, more specialized level of care.
- Some quaternary services are being provided, such as fetal surgery, a structural heart program that includes left appendage closure device placement, a CardioMems device, transcatheter aortic valve replacement and a Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery Spine Center.
- Sentara is becoming a medical destination center with patients coming from up to 19 states.
- SNGH is now undergoing an expansion to grow this program.

Howard Kern, President and CEO of Sentara Healthcare, reported, reviewed the development overtime if Norfolk General Hospital and the Sentara Healthcare System including construction of additions to Norfolk General and the new Sentara Leigh Hospitals.